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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 17, 2003, with a three-month response date of January 20, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the following amendments and remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 10 of this paper.